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I believe I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**A METHOD OF STRIPPING AN OPTICAL FIBRE AND OPTICAL FIBRE OBTAINED THEREBY**

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(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

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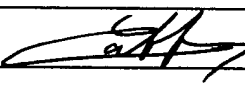
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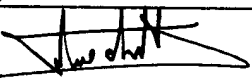
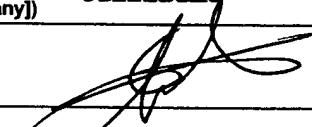
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